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Mistake Corrected

PRESIDENT CARTER appears to have rectified an earlier bad judgment by naming Admiral STANFIELD TURNER to head the Central Intelligence Agency.

The Admiral apparently will have little trouble getting Senate confirmation that would have been denied THEODORE SORENSEN, CARTER's first choice.

Admiral TURNER's selection is one of the few comforting ones that the new PRESIDENT has made to posts in foreign affairs and military matters.

The 53-year-old Admiral, now commander of allied forces in Southern Europe, was first in his class at Annapolis and is a recognized expert on Soviet Naval Affairs.

Since the Russians have been

building their navy as quickly as possible; it is nice to know that someone who is apt to recognize the dangers will have the ear of the PRESIDENT.

SORENSEN, an admittedly capable and bright man from the KENNEDY years, on examination was obviously not the right person to head the CIA. A pacifist, he was appointed to the post as a political favor because of his early support of CARTER.

This is one situation in which the Democratic Senate should be recognized for its willingness to buck a new PRESIDENT of its own party.

Its action in bringing out the SORENSEN record resulted in SORENSEN's withdrawal for consideration. As a result, the nation now gets Admiral TURNER for the CIA post, and this is a good trade.